

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the Office Action. Claims 1, 3-6, and 19-20 are rejected. Claims 2 and 7-18 are objected to. Claims 2, 4-8, and 14-15 have been amended. Claims 1, 3, and 19-20 have been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2 and 7-18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that the aforementioned claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 2, 7-8, and 14-15 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Claims 2, 7-8, and 14-15 are now allowable.

Claims 4-6 are dependent on Claim 7. Claims 9-13 are dependent on Claim 8. Claims 16-18 are dependent on Claim 14. Accordingly, Applicants believe Claims 4-6, 9-13, and 16-18 are allowable for at least the same reasons provided above for Claims 7, 8, and 14, respectively.

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CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, Applicants believe pending Claims 2 and 4-18 are now in condition for allowance and allowance of the Application is hereby solicited. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, the Examiner is hereby requested to telephone Applicants' Attorney at (949) 752-7040.

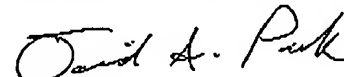
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